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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENTS AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Mu-Lin Chen)
Application No. 09/781,246) Group Art Unit: 3728
Filed: February 13, 2001) Examiner: Smith, James G.

For: RATCHET WRENCH

Attn: Office Of Petitions
Honorable Commissioner for Patents
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August 28, 2007

RENEWED PETITION UNDER 37 CFR 1.137(b)

Dear Sir/Madam,

1. We refer to the recent decision on Petition dated July 3, 2007.
2. The examiner requests that the petitioner "clarify the statement that the inventor was uninformed as to how to check its status". As mentioned in our previous request for consideration, dated January 29, 2007, the applicant is native Taiwanese and is not familiar with the English dialect. He filed the initial application without the assistance of a qualified patent attorney, and for these two reasons, he was uninformed as to how to check the status of this application when no further communication regarding this application was received up until his receipt of the notice of abandonment.
3. The applicant was further delayed in providing a timely response after receipt of the Notice of Abandonment due to a heart attack. The applicant was hospitalized from September 28, 2002 to October 20, 2002 and even thereafter had to be allowed time for rehabilitation and recovery, which extended several months thereafter. The applicant sought our assistance for further prosecution of this case after sufficient recovery time in June of 2006.

We trust this information will satisfy the Examiner's request for more information of the circumstances surrounding this case.

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We look forward to hearing from you soon.

Respectfully submitted,

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